## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

JAY PAUL DERATANY, individually, and as agent of JAY PAUL DERATANY & ASSOC., LTD., an Illinois Professional Corporation,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.  DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, a Texas Corporation, and LTD. FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P., a Texas Corporation, individually and as agent of DELL,	) ) ) ) )	No.  FILED: JUNE 11, 2008 08CV3372 JUDGE SHADUR MAGISTRATE JUDGE COLE
Defendant.	)	PH

## **NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION**

## TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

Please take note that Defendant Dell Financial Services ("DFS"), by and through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441 and 1446 that it this day removes this action from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois to this Court. In support of removal, DFS submits this notice and state as follows:

- 1. This action is properly removable to this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1441. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 because Plaintiff asserts a claim under the federal Fair Debt Collections Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq*.
- 2. This action was originally filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, on April 30, 2008 and served on DFS on May 12, 2008. This Notice of Removal of Action is therefore filed within the 30-day period prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b). *See* 1611840v2 6/11/2008 2:19:07 PM

Murphy Bros., Inc. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, Inc., 526 U.S. 344 (1999). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), DFS has attached hereto true and correct copies of all process, pleadings, and orders served upon it as of the date of this Notice of Removal of Action. See Exhibit A.

- 3. DFS has received consent from Defendant Ltd. Financial Services, L.P. ("Ltd.") to remove this matter to federal court. Ltd. was served with this action on May 13, 2008. *See* Exhibit B.
- 4. As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), DFS will promptly file with the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, and serve upon Plaintiff's counsel, a true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal of Action.
- 5. Venue is proper in this district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because this district and division embrace the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, the forum in which the removed action was pending.
- 6. This Court has federal question jurisdiction as Plaintiff alleges a claim under the federal Fair Debt Collections Act, and this Court has supplemental jurisdiction of the State law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.
- 7. For all of these reasons, DFS respectfully removes this action to this Court from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

Dated: June 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES AND LTD. FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.,

By \_\_/s/\_Mary E. Anderson\_\_\_\_ One of Its Attorneys

David J. Chizewer Mary E. Anderson GOLDBERG KOHN BELL BLACK ROSENBLOOM & MORITZ, LTD. 55 East Monroe Street Suite 3300 Chicago, Illinois 60603 (312) 201-4000

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, an attorney, certifies that on June 11, 2008, she caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Notice of Removal of Action** to be served via Messenger delivery upon:

Jay Paul Deratany Jay Paul Deratany & Associates, Ltd. 77 West Washington Street Suite 1300 Chicago, IL 60602 Justin M. Penn HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP 222 N. LaSalle Suite 300 Chicago, Illinois 60601

/s/ Mary E. Anderson
Mary E. Anderson

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# **EXHIBIT A**

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, LAW DIVISION

2008L004734 CALENDAR/ROOM N JAY PAUL DERATANY, individually, and as TIME 00:00 agent of JAY PAUL DERATANY & ASSOC., Consumer Fraud LTD., a Illinois Professional Corporation, No. Plaintiff, Please serve: **Dell Financial Services** VS. Attn: Legal Department One Dell Way DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES, a Texas MS 7100 Corporation, and LTD. FINANCIAL SERVICES, Round Rock, TX 78682 L.P., a Texas Corporation, Defendants.

#### **SUMMONS**

#### To each defendant:

YOU ARE SUMMONED and required to file an answer in this case, or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the clerk of this court (located in the Richard J. Daley Center, Room 801, Chicago, Illinois 60602), within 30 days after service of this summons, not counting the day of service. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT, A COPY OF WHICH IS HERETO ATTACHED.

## To the officer:

This summons must be returned by the officer or other person to whom it was given for service, with endorsement of service and fees, if any, immediately after service. If service cannot be made, this summons shall be returned so indorsed. This summons may not be served later than 30 days after its date.

Atty No. 30900

Name JAY PAUL DERATANY & ASSOC.

Attorney for Plaintiff

Address 77 W. Washington Street, Suite 1300

City Chicago, Illinois 60602

Telephone (312) 857-7285

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINGIS

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Defendant.	)	

## COMPLAINT AT LAW

NOW COMES plaintiff, JAY PAUL DERATANY, individually, and as agent of JAY PAUL DERATANY & ASSOCIATES, LTD., and complaining against defendants, DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES and LTD. FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P., individually and as agent of DELL, does hereby complain as follows:

## FACTS COMMON TO ALL ALLEGATIONS

- On or after September 23, 2004, plaintiff purchased computers for his home or offices, by contacting defendant Dell Financial Services (hereinafter referred to as Dell), and placing a phone order for said computers. At no time did plaintiff agree to pay for the computers on any type of contractual term agreement, lease basis or other agreement other than cash upon receipt.
  - 2. Plaintiff received the computers on or about the beginning of November 2004.
  - 3. Plaintiff made payment in full for said computers on or about November 4, 2004.

- 4. On or about November 20, 2004, Plaintiff, was attempting to make a purchase of his home and discovered that there was a "negative credit report" placed by defendant Dell.
- 5. On or about November 23, 2004, plaintiff contacted an employee and agent of Dell Financial Services named "Katie" employee number 455220 who indicated that the "bill was paid in full and there is no negative report on your credit or any account". This action ratified the agreement that there was no money owed by plaintiff to defendant Dell.
- 6. On or about November 30, 2004, plaintiff received a phone call from an "Alfred" employee number 339041 who stated there was a negative report on plaintiff's credit history, and that he would not remove it, and would not send a copy of a contract between Dell and Plaintiff, even after plaintiff repeatedly requested a copy of said contract if it existed. Alfred refused to cooperate and further refused to send any evidence or verification of debt owed.
- Thereafter, and continuing for a four year period of time on a monthly basis and 7. up to the present date, plaintiff would receive bills on an account numbered 501-6941923-001 which stated that plaintiff owed various sums of money but then stated in the "total due" portion that plaintiff owed the amount of "0.00". Plaintiff or his employees and agents would call the company, and ask whether there was any amount due, and if so why. Repeatedly defendants through their agents would represent that "no money was due" and that they would get back to plaintiff as to the reason why he was receiving a bill. Plaintiff or his agents would repeatedly request that the defendant cease and desist from sending a bill. (Said invoices attached and incorporated herein as group exhibit "A" to plaintiffs complaint at law)
- 8. On or about December 2004, Ms. Jackie Cuba contacted plaintiffs employee Deirdre Willis and represented that she was the floor manager for Dell Financial Services and stated that there was "some reason" the sale of computers was converted to a lease. Subsequent to the initial date, Ms. Jackie Cuba again contacted plaintiffs employee Deirdre Willis and this time

stated that "Dell had received payment in full in November 2004 for the computers" and that no money was owed.

- 9. Plaintiff and his employees were again contacted by Dell and it's agent LTD Financial Services L.P. (herein after referred to as LTD) who stated that plaintiff owed the sum of \$3153.17. After the faxed letter sent January 9, 2008, plaintiff requested that defendant Dell and LTD cease and desist from contacting him because he was already told that no money was owed. (correspondence dated January 9, 2008 attached and incorporated herein as exhibit "B")
- 10. On or about February, March and April of 2008, plaintiff and his employees continued to receive threatening phone calls requesting payment from John Cunningham.

  (correspondence of April 11, 2008, attached herein as exhibit "C")
- and letter plaintiff and his employees requesting various sums of money. On April 21, 2008, plaintiff received a phone message from Ms. Washington, an employee and agent of LTD, stating that I needed to call her back immediately "or else". Plaintiff contacted Ms. Washington, wherein Ms. Washington stated that plaintiff had to pay the amount owed or "you will be in big trouble". When plaintiff stated that he knew of no money owed, and that he was again requesting a copy of the contract between plaintiff and Dell, Ms. Washington stated, "we know damn well you have the contract with you". She then screamed over the telephone and repeatedly harassed plaintiff.
- 12. At no time did plaintiff ever sign any contract or make any agreement to lease any computers from Dell Financial Services.

## COUNT I- COMMON LAW EXTORTION AND HARRASSMENT--DELL AND LTD

- 13. Plaintiff repeats and readopts paragraphs 1-12 of facts common to all allegations as if specifically repeated herein.
- 14. Defendant DELL and LTD have engaged in a repeated and abusive pattern of harassment in order to collect money from plaintiff which they knew, or in the exercise or reasonable judgment would know that is not owed.
- 15. Defendant DELL and LTD through their employees and agents, inclusive of Alfred, and Ms. Washington knew that they were making false statements about a "signed contract" and continued to engage in harassing and extortion type behavior by repeatedly contacting plaintiff and requesting money which other of their employees admitted was not owed.
- 16. As a direct and proximate cause of defendants conduct, plaintiff's credit rating was damaged, costing plaintiff thousands of dollars, plaintiff was required to spend multiple hours of staff time and his time addressing the false accusations, and incurred other out of pocket expenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants Dell and LTD for an amount in excess of \$50,000.00 in compensatory damages, attorneys fees, punitive damages, and other remedies as allowed under the law.

### COUNT II--FRAUD

17. Plaintiff repeats and readopts paragraphs 1-16 of Count I as paragraphs 1-16 of Count II as if specifically alleged herein.

18. Defendants knew that plaintiff did not sign any lease agreement yet deliberately engaged in a pattern of deceptive practices designed to confuse plaintiff, and to attempt to defraud plaintiff of the sum of \$3,000.00 or more dollars.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants Dell and LTD for an amount in excess of \$50,000.00, for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys fees, and costs.

## COUNT III- VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTIONS ACT

- 19. Plaintiff repeats and readopts paragraphs 1-18 of Count II as if specifically alleged herein.
- 20. Plaintiff repeatedly requested that defendant stop contacting him or his staff or employees for purposes of collecting; In November 2004, plaintiff had contacted defendant within 30 days of their first contact stating that he did not owe the money. Despite said letter, defendant repeatedly contacted plaintiff with monthly "statements" letters, faxes, and by telephone. Each and every request by plaintiff that defendant cease and desist from further contact was deliberately ignored by defendant.
- 21. Defendant's agents inclusive of Alfred, and Ms. Washington, used abuse and annoying and harassing behavior over the telephone by repeatedly calling plaintiff, and his staff, by using abusive language and by making false statements such as "we have your signed contract". This conduct constituted Prohibited Harassment or Abuse as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692d.
- 22. On or about January 9, 2008, defendant LTD sent a facsimile to Jay Paul Deratany stating that the balance of \$3,153.17 was owed on the "contract". On or about the same date, plaintiffs employee Deirdre Willis received a telephone call from Mr. Cunningham wherein he

stated that there was a written contract between defendant Dell and plaintiff. At all times relevant both LTD and Dell knew that there was no written signed contract between plaintiff and defendant.

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- January 15, 2008, Paul Moyer, an agent and employee of Defendant Dell sent a sent a "contract" which Dell represented was the "written contract" between the defendant Dell and plaintiff. At all times, Dell and it's agent knew that they were in possession of no written contract (because it does not exist) and sent a copy of a document falsely representing that a written contract existed. These communications were Prohibited False or Misleading Statements as defined under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e
- 24. Defendant has repeatedly and over a four year time period engaged in harassing and deceptive behavior in order to collect money not owed or contracted between the parties; At no time did plaintiff enter into a "60 day same as cash loan agreement" at no time did plaintiff give consideration for said agreement, and at no time did plaintiff fail to pay for the said computers within the time agreed upon. Defendants by sending plaintiff a known false document on January 15, 2008 engaged in Prohibited Unfair Practices in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692f.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants Dell Financial Services, and LTD Financial Services L.P for the amount statutorily allowed under the act, for attorneys fees, employees time spent in responding to false allegations, and other remedies as allowed under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

JAY PAUL DERATANY & ASSOCIATES, LTD. Attorneys for Plaintiff 77 West Washington Street Suite 1300 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 857-7285 Attorney No. 30900

### <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

NOW COMES your affiant, JAY PAUL DERATANY, being duly sworn under oath and deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am one of the attorneys for the plaintiff in this cause.
- 2. The total amount of money sought exceeds Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Under penalties of perjury pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that the statements contained in this instrument are true and correct except as to such statements made on information and belief and as to such statements the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

JAY PAUL DERATANY & ASSOCIATES, LTD.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
77 West Washington Street
Suite 1300
Chicago, IL 60602
312/857-7285
Firm I.D. 30900

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		Account Summary		
Invoice Date	01/13/07	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$2,568.34
Invoice Number	57830945	Current Charges	\$155.70	Includes Principal, accrued interest and Payments to date
Due Date	02/06/07	Past Due Total Due	\$258.47 \$414.17	* This is not a payoff balance Account Start Date 10/06/04

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Invoice Date	10/14/06	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$2,446.95 includes Principal, accrued Interest
Invoice Number	56222266	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
Due Date	12/06/06	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00	* This is not a payoff balance Account Start Date 10/06/04
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		Account Summary	
Invoice Date	08/12/06	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00
Invoice Number	55092679	Current Charges	\$0.00
Due Date	10/06/06	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00

\*Current Loan Balance \$2,358.69 Includes Principal, accrued Intenst and Payments to date

\* This is not a payoff balance 10/06/04 Account Start Date

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		Account Summary		
Invoice Date	07/14/06	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$2,312.79 Includes Principal, accrued interest
Invoice Number	54546362	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
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nvoice Number	53994738	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
Due Date	08/06/06	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00	This is not a payoff balance     Account Start Date

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Invoice Date	05/13/06	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$2,21655 Includes Principal, accrued Interest
Invoice Number	53444327	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
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Invoice Date	04/13/06	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$2,166.45 Includes Principal, accrued Interest
Invoice Number	52892568	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
Due Date	06/06/06	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00	<ul> <li>This is not a payoff balance Account Start Date 10/06/04</li> </ul>
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Invoice Date	01/14/06	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$2,008.53 Includes Principal, accrued Interest
Invoice Number	51213114	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
Due Date	03/06/06	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00	* This is not a payoff balance Account Start Date 10/06/04

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Invoice Date	10/14/05	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00
Invoice Number	49510373	Current Charges	\$0.00
Due Date	12/06/05	Past Due	\$0.00
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\*Current Loan Balance \$1,83955 Includes Principal, accrued Interest and Payments to date

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Invoice Date	. 09/13/05	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0,00	*Current Loan Balance \$1,780.86 Includes Principal, accrued Interest
Invoice Number	48940873	Current Charges	\$0.00	and Payments to date
Dué Date	11/06/05	Past Due	\$0.00	* This is not a payoff balance
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Invoice Date	07/14/05	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00	*Current Loan Balance \$1,660.05
Invoice Number	47800481	Current Charges	\$0.00	Includes Principal, accrued interest and Payments to date
Due Date	09/06/05	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00	* This is not a payoff balance Account Start Date 10/06/04
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		Account Summary	
Invoice Date	06/11/05	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00
Invoice Number	47243676	Current Charges	\$0,00
Due Date	08/06/05	Past Due Total Due	\$0.00 \$0.00

\*Current Loan Balance \$1,597.96 Includes Principal, accrued Interest and Payments to date

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		Account Summary	
Invoice Date	05/14/05	Credits/Payments received (-)	\$0.00
Invoice Number	46688021	Current Charges	. \$0.00
Due Date	07/06/05	Past Due	\$0.00
		Total Due	\$0.00

\*Current Loan Balance \$1,534.77 Includes Principal, accrued Interest and Payments to date

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Invoice Number	46127811	Current Charges	\$0.00	Includes Principal, accrued Interest and Payments to date
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LTD Financial Services, L.P. 7322 Southwest Freeway

Suite 1600

Houston, Texas 77074 Phone: (713) 773-3100 Fax: (713) 414-2126

JANUARY 09, 2008

JAY PAUL & ASSOCIATE DERATANY STE 900 205 W WACKER DR CHICAGO, IL 60606-1456

REF NO: 009258999

CLIENT: DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES

ACCOUNT #: DC2 2457018 SCHEDULE: 501-6941923-001

BALANCE: 3153.17

DEAR MR. DERATANY,

THIS LETTER IS TO CONFIRM THAT WE ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED ACCOUNT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$ 2207.21, IF PAID BY 01/23/2008. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS AMOUNT, YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE SETTLED IN FULL.

THIS LETTER AND YOUR CANCELED CHECK OR OTHER RECEIPT WILL SERVE AS YOUR PROOF OF PAYMENT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL ME AT 1-800-741-2100.

SINCERELY,

JÓHN D. CUNNINGHAM V.P. OPERATIONS

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If you have a complaint about the way we are collecting this debt, please write to our CONTAC CENTER, 7322 Southwest Freeway, Suite 1600, Houston, TX 77074, email us a customercare@ltdfin.com, or call us toll-free at 1-866-310-9845 between 9:00 A.M. Centra Time and 5:00 P.M. Central Time Monday - Friday.

The Federal Trade Commission enforces the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA). I you have a complaint about the way we are collecting your debt, please contact the FTC online a www.ftc.gov, by phone at 1-877-FTC-HELP; or by mail at 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Washington, DC 20580

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APRIL 11, 2008

JAY PAUL & ASSOCIATE DERATANY STE 900 205 W WACKER DR CHICAGO, IL 60606-1456

Ref No: 009258999

Client: DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES L.L.C.

Account #: DC2 2457018

Balance: 3153.17

Dear JAY PAUL & ASSOCIATE DERATANY,

This letter is to confirm that the above named client has been assigned to LTD Financial Service, a collection agency. The balance of 3153.17 is due by 04/25/2008. Upon receipt of this amount your account will be paid in full. Please make check payable to DELL FINANCIAL SERVICES L.L.C. or LTD Financial Services and send to above address.

This letter and your canceled check or other receipt will serve as your proof of payment. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 1-800-741-2100.

Sincerely,

John D. Cunningham

V.P. Operations

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From ITD FINANCIAL SEVES To 3128572004 DERATANY, JAY PAUL & Mag#4694.0.1 04/11/2008 13:15 Page 3 or 3 Federal law prohibits certain methods of debt collection, and requires that we treat you fairly You can stop us from contacting you by writing a letter to us that tells us to stop the contact Sending such a letter does not make the debt go away if you owe it. Once we receive your letter we may not contact you again, except to let you know that there won't be any more contact of that we intend to take a specific action.

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# **EXHIBIT B**

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS **EASTERN DIVISION**

JAY PAUL DERATANY, individually, and as agent of JAY PAUL DERATANY	)
& ASSOC., LTD., an Illinois	•
Professional Corporation,	)
Plaintiff,	)
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SERVICES, L.P., a Texas Corporation,	j .
individually and as agent of DELL,	)
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Defendant.	)

#### **CONSENT TO REMOVAL**

Defendant, Ltd. Financial Services, L.P. ("Ltd."), hereby consents to the Notice of Removal filed by defendant, Dell Financial Services ("DFS") and asserts as follows:

- Plaintiff filed this action on April 30, 2008 in the Circuit Court of Cook 1. County, Illinois as Case No. 2008 L 4734 against Defendants DFS and Ltd.
  - 2. Ltd. was served with the complaint in this action on May 13, 2008.
- DFS has filed a Notice of Removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C §§ 1331, 1441 and 3. 1446.
  - Ltd. consents to the removal of this action to federal court. 4.

WHEREFORE, Ltd. Financial Services, L.P. hereby consents to the removal of this matter to this Court and requests that this Court assume full jurisdiction over the claims made in this civil action.

Dated: June 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

LTD. FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.P.

By

One of Its Attorneys

Justin M. Penn HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP 222 N. LaSalle Suite 300 Chicago, Illinois 60601 (312) 704-3157